

**NOTES OF A WARMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
11th JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors: James Richardson (Chairman), Simon Moss, Jo Price,
Robert Newton and Oliver Rowe

There were no members of the public in attendance.

In the absence of the Clerk, Councillor Price was elected as Clerk to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor John Wray and Gaynor Hawthornthwaite, Parish Clerk.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9th NOVEMBER 2022

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and are to be signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2022

All items covered elsewhere in the agenda.

5. CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Lucy Hughes, Community Led Planning Officer from Cheshire Community Action provided the PC with information relating to Neighbourhood Planning and reported on:

- the process and stages of putting a plan together and what criteria has changed since the Parish Plan
- details and policies to be included - policies relating to land use – vote/referendum/statutory planning framework
- consultation (6-week period)

The PC agreed to take this forward and would follow up:

- how this could be progressed and whether it should be driven by the PC or the community
- obtain quotations for the costs of printing leaflets and postage
- consultation – how to engage with members of the community and where the Plan could be viewed with details of what a Neighbourhood Plan – drop in village event and distribution of flyers.

It was noted that following the funding application, the process could start in April 2023.

6. HIGHWAYS

The following were reported:

- There is running water from a ditch on School Lane, opposite the Village Hall
Action – Councillor Richardson to log a report.
- Councillor Richardson had reported the road surface, outside Church Hall Farm, with CEC.
- There had been traffic incidents on the bend of Forge Mill Lane, where vehicles are going into the hedge.
- Councillor Newton had received an enquiry relating to incidents on Hall Lane.

7. ANSA WASTE TRANSFER CENTRE TRAFFIC

The PC had noted that the ANSA Waste traffic has increased recently.

The PC will continue to monitor the waste transfer traffic travelling through the village.

8. EMPTY PROPERTIES – SCHOOL LANE

It was agreed that the two empty properties on School Lane, which are managed by the Guinness Trust, should be followed up with CEC.

Action – Councillor Rowe to follow up with CEC.

9. GRASS CUTTING

The PC agreed that the resident who had cut the grass verges in the village in 2022 should be asked to complete this again in 2023. The PC agreed to donate £100 towards this again in 2023.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This was discussed under item 5.

11. PLANNING

There were no applications for consideration.

12. FINANCE

Review of Current Financial Position

The balance on the current account on 1ST December 2022 was £7537.91.

The 2022/23 budget was reviewed against the current total expenditure which was **£7,136.47** (78% of the budget spend) and the balance remaining was **£2,033.53**

Approval of the 2023/24 Budget and 2023/2024 Precept

In accordance with the PC's Financial Regulations (3.1-3.4) the PC considered the annual forecast of the budget for 2023/24. The fixed items and discretionary items of expenditure were considered. The PC approved the 2023/2024 budget with the following amendments:

- Reduction - Donations towards village projects - to be reduced to £1000
- Increase - Clerk's Salary to £2200 per annum
- Increase - Litter Picking Duties to £1300 per annum
- Increase in Payroll to £300 per annum
- Decrease in the donation towards maintenance & illumination St Leonards Church - £350
- Village Signage – reduced to zero.

and agreed that there should be no increase in the 2023/24 precept. The amount to be requested on the Precept Request form should be **£4134 for 2023/24**.

Action - Clerk to return the completed and signed 2023/24 Parish Council Precept form to CEC.

The following payments were approved and bacs payments were made at the meeting:

- Renewal of the Data Protection Fee - £40.00 – a direct debit payment to be set up
- Invoice room hire parish Council meetings – Village Hall - £180 - Warmingham and District Parish Hall
- Invoice – Servicing and Illumination of Church Clock - £326.40 – St Leonard's Church
- Payroll Quarter 2 – Invoice SHI-0832 - £25.20 – PQR Limited

13. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received and noted since the previous meeting:

From Chalc

- Bulletins and Newsletter
- Encouraging people to stand as councillors
- Citizens Advice Cheshire East and North Home Energy Support Fund
- Cheshire East Code of Conduct
- Cheshire East Warm Places Poster

From CEC

- Cheshire East Site Allocations and Development Policies Document
- Draft Cheshire East Partnership Digital Inclusion Strategy consultation
- Cheshire East Council Budget 23/24 Consultation

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30 pm**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following items were reported:

- There were reports of EDF venting gas on New Year's Day at about 11.00 am.
Action – Councillor Richardson to follow up with EDF.
- There was a suggestion about lighting a beacon for the King's Coronation on Monday 10th May 2023 and ordering 100 commemorative medals for children in the village to mark the occasion.